

HB 2816 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

Action Date: 04/02/19

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Boshart Davis, Clem, Helm, McLain, Post, Smith DB, Williams

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinating Committee (Committee) track state agency and public university progress on IPM implementation. Requires that the Committee make meeting dates, agendas, and minutes publicly available. Requires that the Committee inform the public on the process for submitting feedback or input on agenda items. Requires that the Committee maintain a website through which the public may comment and provide input on the Committee's biennial report to the legislature for a minimum of 60 days prior to the submission of the report to the legislature. Establishes the IPM Fund in the State Treasury, and continuously appropriates moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for the work of the Committee. Establishes that the HECC, rather than the Oregon Department of Agriculture, may accept donated funds on behalf of the Committee. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die, and committee requirements and IPM Fund establishment become operative on January 1, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- IPM coordination progress and challenges since the passage of House Bill 3364 (2013)
- Benefits of IPM coordination among state agencies and universities
- Committee meeting transparency and opportunities for stakeholder input
- Lack of funding for full implementation of the IPM Coordinating Committee and its activities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Integrated pest management (IPM) refers to a coordinated, strategic decision-making process that identifies and uses the most appropriate pest control methods to manage damage with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. Treatments may include biological, cultural, mechanical, or chemical control methods. In addition to treatment applications, IPM strategies include monitoring pre- and post-treatment, evaluation of treatment efficacy, and pest prevention when possible.

In 2013, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3364, which established the state IPM Coordinating Committee (Committee). The Committee is currently in operation and includes an Oregon State University-appointed State IPM Coordinator, an IPM coordinator from each of ten specified state agencies, an IPM coordinator from each of the seven state public universities, and a representative from the former Oregon University System. The Committee meets periodically to share IPM information, strategies, lessons learned, and threats of common interest. The Committee is legislatively directed to coordinate state IPM efforts with the Invasive Species Council, and to produce a biennial report to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly.

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House Bill 2816 A would require that the Committee track IPM implementation progress, and increase public access to meeting materials and feedback opportunities. The measure would also establish the IPM Fund in the State Treasury to appropriate moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the work of the Committee.